

## BOERS CONTEST THE WAY

### Roberts Meeting Stubborn Resistance From the Burgers.

His Advance on Pretoria Desperately Opposed by the Federalists—French Manages to Drive Botha's Forces From Strong Positions North of Johannesburg With Some Losses. Colville Sustains Heavy Casualties in an Engagement at Heilbron. Rundle Has Many Men Killed and Wounded in Operations Near Senekal—Trouble With Cape Rebels.

LONDON, June 2.—The two despatches from General Roberts made public today by the War Office throw little additional light on the present situation in South Africa, except to show that the Boers are offering stubborn resistance to British troops in both the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

While it is believed here that Roberts' forces are moving irresistibly toward Pretoria, there is every evidence that his advance is being vigorously opposed by Botha's army, which seems to be in strong force between Johannesburg and the capital.

Not only General Roberts' own language but the reported casualties, prove that there has been hot fighting, and it is not impossible that the British will have to enter a pitched battle before they are able to raise their flag over the Government buildings of Pretoria.

General Roberts' latest despatch came from Johannesburg, and states that Colville has had brisk fighting in the Orange Free State en route to Heilbron. Rundle also met with desperate opposition near Senekal, and the War Office report of his casualties is not reassuring. In an official list, published today, the names of thirty-nine men who were killed and 145 who were wounded near Senekal are given.

General Roberts' despatches follow:

"Johannesburg, June 1—(9:25 p. m.). Colville reports the arrival of the Highland Brigade at Heilbron on May 23. He was opposed more or less the whole of the way from Ventersburg. Seven of his men were killed and four others and thirty-two men wounded.

"Colville states that the Lanes Field Artillery did excellent work. The naval guns proved most formidable. The troops behaved in the most soldierly manner during the trying march.

"Rundle telegraphs that his casualties have been thirty killed and 250 wounded.

"Johannesburg, May 31—(9:40 a. m.).—French's report of his operations on May 28 and 29 reached me at 3 o'clock this morning. He was opposed throughout his march, but managed to drive the enemy off from strong positions which they successfully held, with very little loss. He now holds the place I had directed him to do north of Johannesburg.

"Our losses were two officers wounded and two men killed and twenty-seven wounded.

A Cape Town despatch, dated Thursday, gives more details of the fighting at Douglas, Cape Colony, in which a number of British soldiers were killed by Cape rebels.

It says that last Tuesday Gen. Sir Charles Warren, the Governor of Griqualand West, with 700 men, occupied a strong defensive position at Faber's Farm, near Douglas. At dawn on Wednesday 1,000 rebels surrounded and fiercely attacked his force after stampeding the horses. The British quickly concentrated and repulsed the rebels.

A small party that was holding a garden continued to fight tenaciously and only evacuated the position when the Volunteer Rifles started to charge.

### ON GUARD AT PRETORIA.

Town Burgers Protecting the Approaches to the City.

PRETORIA, May 30.—By Messenger to Laurence Marquis, June 2—(7 a. m.).—At the request of the Transvaal Government, twenty British officers who are captives here, proceeded today to Waterfall Station where 5,000 British prisoners are quartered. The officers were sent there to order among the men, who are very much excited over the approach of their comrades toward the capital.

The remaining town burglers have gone to the suburbs to guard the approach to the city.

President Kruger, State Secretary Reitz, and other high officials left for Middleburg during last night (Tuesday). There was a solemn and affecting scene at the railway station. Men and women wept as the train drew out. The President was as calm as usual.

### TEACHER ASKED TO RESIGN.

Pro-British Utterances Thought to Have Been the Cause.

EVERETT, Mar., June 2.—Rev. George B. Titus, pastor of the First Baptist Church, one of the largest and wealthiest congregations in the city, has been asked to resign.

The reasons leading to the requests are said to be pulpit utterances on public issues that have not met with the approval of his flock. Mr. Titus recently gave expression to some strong views against the Boers, he being intensely British, and it is thought that these remarks precipitated the call for his resignation.

### FREE STATE BOERS TRAPPED.

Brabant's Division Surrounds the Burgers Near Ficksburg.

LONDON, June 2.—A despatch from Maseru, Basutoland, states that Brabant's division has surrounded the Boers five miles from Ficksburg.

A telegram from Winburg, dated Thursday, says that a message was received on Tuesday from Colonel Sprague, of the Duke of Cambridge's own, saying that they had been in difficulties near Lindley, but that General Rundle had effected their relief.

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## SENTIMENTS OF THE COLONISTS.

People's Congress Enumerates the Causes of the Boer War.

LONDON, June 2.—A despatch from Graaf Reinet, dated May 31, says: "At the People's Congress today, Mr. Pretorius, a member of the Cape House, offered a resolution to the effect that the chief cause of the present war between Great Britain and the Boers was the intolerable interference of the Imperial Ministry at London with affairs in South Africa. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Other resolutions which were adopted declared that subordinate causes of the war were the violation of the Cape Constitution, whereby the advice and wishes of the Cape Ministry were overruled by the British Colonial Office, and the enormous difficulty of acquainting the English people with the real facts.

"If the British Government insisted on annexation, another resolution declared, the peace and prosperity of the country would be irretrievably wrecked. It also demanded that unqualified freedom and independence should be restored to the republics and that the Cape of Good Hope people should have a voice in the appointment of a Governor which would render unnecessary the keeping of a standing army to control the people. The republicans, under such circumstances, would have been prepared to assist the Cape Colonists in the real facts.

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## BOXERS SLAY REFUGEES

### Chinese Rebels Attack a Party Near Paoing-Fu.

Four Killed Outright and Many Others Wounded—Seven Hundred Insurgents Implicated in the Outrage—Ominous Quiet in the Locality of Tientsin—Forebodings That There Will Soon Be a General Outbreak Against Foreigners, British and Italian War Vessels Arrive—German and Japanese Troops Expected on the Scene.

TIENTSIN, June 2.—Although affairs in this section of the Chinese Empire are now quiet, it is feared that the situation is merely the proverbial calm before the storm.

News of another outrage committed by the "Boxers" is at hand, having come to the Chinese Consulate here. During the great excitement on Thursday, thirty foreigners, including six women, fled in the direction of Tientsin for safety. They left Paoing-Fu in boats for this city. Shortly after they embarked, the party was at-

tacked by 700 "Boxers" and a frightful scene of massacre followed. The foreigners were mercilessly attacked, the insurgents shouting fiercely during the onslaught, and four of the refugees were killed outright. The number of those wounded is not known, but it is stated that few escaped injury during the first attack.

It is learned that the refugees who managed to escape the fury of the "Boxers" are within ten miles of this city. An expedition has been made up here and is preparing to leave immediately to meet the survivors and escort them to the city.

News from Peking is awaited here with intense interest. It is understood that the foreign marines were not attacked by the "Boxers" on their way to the capital and there are many here who hope that the demonstration of the several nations at Peking will have a quieting effect, although it is feared that the real trouble will break out sooner or later when an effort will be made by the rebels to drive all foreigners from Chinese soil.

The British warship Centurion and the Italian cruiser Calabria have arrived here and their presence is a relief to the frightened people.

German troops are expected to arrive Saturday and by Monday, it is said, there will be a large force of Japanese soldiers on hand.

The Chinese situation is believed at the State Department to have been considerably improved since the landing of marines by this and other Asiatic nations. It is said that the number of the "Boxers" who appear to have dispersed rather than to have fled in a body. The department has heard of no violent opposition to the movements of the marines.

A press report from Shanghai that there are two American warships at Taku fort leads officials here to believe that the situation at Peking is not so serious as it is reported to be. The only American vessel in the Far East for which the Navy Department cannot account is the Princeton, which was recently and the department has sent a telegram to Rear Admiral Remy, commanding the Asiatic fleet, asking him to inform the department. Officially, the department knows only that the Newark is at Taku fort. No additional advice as to the situation in China have come from the Minister or Rear Admiral Kempff.

Newport News Imports. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 2.—May broke the monthly record for imports. Newport News. The total value of goods received at this port from foreign countries amounted to \$330,869. The specific duty collected was \$31,187.79; ad valorem duty, \$43,974.59; total, \$75,162.38. The largest previous month was November, 1899, when \$72,580.29 was collected.

Medal for an Engineer. READING, Pa., June 2.—William A. Engle, of this city, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, who rescued a boy from drowning in the Schuylkill Canal at the Pennsylvania Railroad station here, has been awarded a medal by the Volunteer Life Savers, New York.

Bonapartist Memorial Services. PARIS, June 2.—A large Bonapartist gathering attended commemorative services at St. Augustine's Church yesterday in honor of the Prince Imperial's death in Zululand, June 1, 1879.

Change in Train Service to Richmond, Va. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that commencing Sunday, June 3, trains will leave Washington for Richmond as follows: 6:20 a. m., 8:15 a. m., 10:15 a. m., 12:15 p. m., 2:15 p. m., 4:15 p. m., 6:15 p. m., 8:15 p. m., 10:15 p. m. Returning, leave Richmond for Washington 7:30 p. m. Via Delaware Bridge route without change of cars.

Notice to the Public. On Saturdays during June, July and August, the Pennsylvania Railroad City Ticket Office, 15th and G sts., will be closed at 12 noon. Tickets and reservations can be secured at station.

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## CANDABA SWEPT BY FIRES.

The Luzon Town Suffers a Property Loss of \$100,000.

MANILA, June 2—(6:15 p. m.).—Yesterday there were a number of fires in the town of Candaba. It is estimated that the monetary loss will reach \$100,000. Gen. Lloyd Wheaton has made a recommendation that the Government should spend \$20,000 to relieve the people of the town who have suffered by the fire.

An insurgent captain with twenty-five of his men has surrendered to the Macabes in the province of Pangasinan. He also turned in twenty-six Mauser rifles.

Colonel Liscum reports the recovery, through the influence of the native President of Farao, of thirty-one out of thirty-three Krags-Jorgensen rifles which were stolen from the Ninth Infantry last December.

THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE. Assistant Secretary Hackett Makes the Opening Address.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 2.—The regular summer course of the Naval War College was formally opened this morning at 10:30 o'clock, the opening address being made by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Frank W. Hackett.

The lecture-room at the college was crowded with officers of both Army and Navy, and members of the class had attended previous sessions. Among those in attendance were Admiral Dewey, commanding the North Atlantic Squadron; Captain Snow, of the cruiser New York; Commander Davenport of the Essex, Commander Hunter of the training station, Commander Massie of the battleship Oregon, and Colonel Hasbrouck of Fort Adams.

Following the address, a reception was held in honor of Mr. Hackett. The practical part of the course will begin next week, when Captain Mahan will lecture upon the art of war as demonstrated by Napoleon's early campaigns on land. Captain Mahan will also lecture on naval strategy. Captain Goodrich will speak on coast defense, and Captain Taylor on naval tactics. Major Knight, United States Army, will lecture on submarine mines for harbor defense. Lectures on torpedoes, torpedo boat warfare, lectures on maritime international law will be in the hands of Captain Stockton, the president of the college.

In his address, which was frequently applauded, Mr. Hackett paid a high tribute to the work of the college, and predicted a bright future for the War College. In part, he said:

"Standing here as the successor of Assistant Secretary Allen, I share your regret that today does not find him here, speaking to you words of counsel and encouragement. It is a pleasing duty assigned to me by the Secretary of the Navy to be here to-day to inaugurate the summer course of the college. So far as good wishes go, I permit me to assure you that I bring them in fullest measure.

"Institution, young as it is, has amply justified its existence. No thoughtful observer, I feel sure, whether in or out of the service, can fail to perceive that the work of the college is of the highest importance. It is a work of peace, for it is a work of preparation for the future. It is a work of peace, for it is a work of preparation for the future. It is a work of peace, for it is a work of preparation for the future.

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## ST. LOUIS STRIKE ENDING

### Indications That Peace Will Soon Be Restored.

Transit Company Professes a Desire to Take Back the Old Men—Question of Recognizing the Union Still Unsettled—The Scenes of Violence That Occurred During Last Night.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—The citizens' committee appointed at the Merchants' Exchange meeting to effect a settlement of the street railway strike went into session again today at 9 o'clock a. m., to take up the unfinished business of Friday. The principal hitch between the union and the company is the reinstatement of all union men who went out on strike.

The union's grievance committee is standing firm on this particular point and insists that not only shall the strikers be put back in their original places, but also that the union be recognized. The Transit Company professes a desire to take back an indefinite number of the old employees. The union rightly insists that the company specify the exact number.

At 10 o'clock today a member of the citizens' committee in session at the Mercantile Club made the following announcement: "We are nearer a settlement of this strike than ever. I look for the strike to end by the end of the week. The Transit Company has informed this committee that he would be able to take back from 1,500 to 2,000 of the strikers at once and all the others within the next few days.

"Former Governor Stone is holding out for arbitration on the question of recognition of the union. I think this will be compromised. The Transit Company has commenced sending back some of its imported men. By they are leaving they will not say. One of a gang of twelve burning this morning, said there had been too much 'knocking down' of fares.

The lives of 150 policemen and street car employees were endangered in the Transit Company's car barns at Prairie and Easton Avenues last night when the dynamite bomb was thrown by a strike sympathizer. The bomb struck the roof and shattered a large section of it, smashed many windows and many panes of glass in cars standing in the barn and stunned many of the men sleeping in the building. Tuesday night a similar attempt to wreck the structure was made. No arrests followed last night's outrage.

R. J. Mitchell, a barber, was probably fatally shot in the abdomen last night while in a disorderly crowd on South Broadway.

Albert Wilson, a striking motorman, was shot in the arm last night while in a crowd. Two men were arrested.

George Kleiner, teamster, resisted arrest after trying to block a street car last night. He was shot by a policeman with his weapon. He was shot by a policeman with his weapon. He was shot by a policeman with his weapon.

Warrants charging assault with intent to kill have been issued against fifteen supposed to have been implicated in the riot which Inspector J. P. Rice, and a non-resident, who was arrested last night, were shot. Seven other arrests on various minor charges growing out of interference with street cars were effected last night.

CLERKS NOT ASSESSED. Postoffice Officials Deny That They Have Been.

When the attention of First Assistant Postmaster General Heath was called this morning to a publisher's report which claimed that, in order to secure the passage of a bill in Congress, known as the "Classification bill," every postal clerk in the country was assessed \$10, making a fund of more than \$60,000, he said that he did not know anything about it, but that his chief clerk, Mr. Allen, or Mr. Beavers, the chief clerk of the division on salary and allowances, could give him any information on the subject.

Mr. Allen said that the postmaster general had reissued the order of Postmaster General Wilson, which prohibits every employee or clerk in the Postoffice Department from accepting any money toward a fund which is to be used for inducing legislation. Not only money contribution is prohibited, but the order also forbids the employee of the postal service from coming to Washington for the purpose of obtaining or influencing legislation. Immediate dismissal from the service is the penalty of any transgression against this order.

Mr. Beavers said that he couldn't see any wrong in the movement, providing the assessment is made in a legal manner, and is used for legitimate purposes. "And I think," Mr. Beavers continued, "that the postal clerks have as much right to look out for their own interests as any other individuals."

Assistant Postmaster Davis, of the Washington City Postoffice, said that no assessments had been made in the Washington City Postoffice, and that he didn't know anything about the alleged movement and assessments.

AROUSING THE WOMEN. "Mother" Jones Struggles to Keep Alive the Maryland Strike.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 2.—"Mother" Jones, the woman organizer of the miners, from the Brady House porch, London, addressed a meeting of 1,500 people last night. Today she will speak at Frostburg. Daniel Young presided at the Londoning meeting, at which Organizer Warren also spoke. "Mother" Jones' purpose to organize the wives, daughters, and sisters of the miners into a union to assist in keeping up the strike. Over fifty women attended the Knapp's Meadow meeting Friday and cheered "Mother" Jones.

The executive committee of the miners' organization took no action toward declaring the strike off by 6 o'clock last evening as requested by the Londoning miners, nor did they send any word to the committee of returning to work they will order the strike off as far as their company is concerned.

The meeting at Frostburg today will be held at Bradbrook Park, and besides "Mother" Jones, National Organizer Thomas Haggerty will speak. The Frostburg miners are still firm in their resolution to maintain the strike, but resumption is expected at Londoning by Monday next.

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